



POLICY TITLE EXPERT WITNESSES BEFORE ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT BOARD HEARINGS

NO.
03-02-01

Legislative Authority

the Environmental Assessment Act, Section 18
the Environmental Protection Act, Section 33
the Ontario Water Resources Act, Section 6

Statement of Principles

This policy describes the measures that the Ministry of the Environment may implement to support the participation of expert witnesses in hearings before the Environmental Assessment Board if in the opinion of the EAB such support is required.

**1. Hearings Process Before
the Environmental
Assessment Board**

The hearings process is designed to provide for the fullest extent possible of public scrutiny of projects that may have a significant effect on the environment and an opportunity for the public to make its views known on such projects to the Environmental Assessment Board. The hearing process thereby insures that all projects subject to its procedures will be designed and implemented with minimal negative consequences on the environment.

2. Purpose of Policy

The purpose of this policy is to assist the Environmental Assessment Board by providing access to the information needed to allow it to exercise its responsibilities to the public in the hearing process.

Point of Contact **Office of the Deputy Minister**

Effective Date

February 27, 1981

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3. Environmental
Assessment Board May
Call Expert Witnesses

Section 18 of the Environmental Assessment Act authorizes the Board to summon any person with technical or expert knowledge to act in any capacity that the Board may determine.

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